



LEONIDAS RALPH MECHAM
Director

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE
UNITED STATES COURTS

CLARENCE A. LEE, JR.
Associate Director

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20544

March 22, 2002

MEMORANDUM TO ALL: JUDGES, UNITED STATES COURTS OF APPEALS
JUDGES, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGES
CIRCUIT EXECUTIVES
FEDERAL PUBLIC/COMMUNITY DEFENDERS
DISTRICT COURT EXECUTIVES
CLERKS, UNITED STATES COURTS OF APPEALS
CLERKS, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURTS

SUBJECT: Implementation of a Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorney Rate Increase
(**INFORMATION**)

The FY 2002 judiciary appropriations bill includes funds to support a rate of \$90 per hour for in-court and out-of-court work in all judicial districts for private "panel" attorneys accepting appointments under the Criminal Justice Act (CJA), 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. **The new CJA panel attorney hourly rate of \$90 will apply to in-court and out-of-court work performed on or after May 1, 2002.** This includes that portion of work performed on or after May 1, 2002, in representations where the appointment of CJA counsel occurred prior to that date.

In addition to the copy of this memorandum that I am providing to the CJA panel attorney representative from each district, please ensure that panel attorneys in your respective jurisdictions are informed of this rate adjustment. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Defender Services Division Duty Attorney on (202) 502-3030.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Leonidas Ralph Mecham".

Leonidas Ralph Mecham

cc: CJA District Panel Attorney Representatives